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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: EX-PRESIDENT TORRES OF BOLIVIA REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED
REF: SMITH/ZAMBITO TELECON

1. WIFE OF EX-PRESIDENT JUAN JOSE TORRES OF BOLIVIA LAST NIGHT REPORTED TO POLICE THAT HER HUSBAND MISSING. APPARENTLY HE DEPARTED HOUSE ON SEVERAL CALLS YESTERDAY, BUT DID TO RETURN HOME SHORTLY. HE REPORTEDLY MADE FIRST CALL AND THEN DISAPPEARED. AS OF MOMENT NO FURTHER WORD HAS BEEN HEARD FROM MR. WIFE, OF COURSE, FEARS HE KIDNAPPED OR WORSE.

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS SOURCE, MRS. TORRES WENT TO BOLIVIAN EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO REPORT EX-PRESIDENT'S DISAPPEARANCE AND TO REQUEST EMBASSY'S INTERVENTION WITH GOA IN LOCATING HIM AND HAVING HIM RETURNED SAFELY. SAME NEWS SOURCE INDICATES EMBASSY AGREED TO TAKE ACTION ON HIS BEHALF. WHETHER THEY DO OR NOT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. PRIVATELY, GOA SOURCES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER TORRES' DISAPPEARANCE. THEY INSIST GOA NOT RESPONSIBLE BUT THEY WELL AWARE THAT IT WILL BE BLAMED; HENCE, THEY EXPRESS HOPE THAT TORRES CAN BE FOUND AND RETURNED SAFELY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
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4. COMMENT: GOA SOURCES ARE PROBABLY CORRECT. UNLESS TORRES FOUND QUICKLY, HIS CASE MAY QUICKLY REPLACE THAT OF MICHELINI AND GUTIERREZ RUIZ AS CAUSE CELEBRE.
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